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Applicant : Fumiuki HATTORI, et al.
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Title : THERAPEUTIC METHODS AND AGENTS FOR DISEASES
ASSOCIATED WITH DECREASED EXPRESSION OF AOP-1
GENE OR AOP-1
TC/Art Unit : 1632
Examiner: : Marcia Stephens NOBLE, Ph.D.
Docket No. : 58777.000012
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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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**PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME AND
AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

Responsive to the Non-Final Office Action mailed August 9, 2006 (the "Office Action")
Applicants submit the following Amendment and Reply ("Response").

Applicants respectfully petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R.
§ 1.136(a) to respond to the Office Action. Accordingly, the time for response will be extended
up to and including February 9, 2007. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$1,020.00
to cover the fee for the three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). In the event
that a variance exists between the amount tendered and that deemed necessary by the U.S. Patent
and Trademark Office ("USPTO") to enter and consider this Response or to maintain the present
application pending, please credit or charge such variance to the undersigned's **Deposit Account**
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This Amendment and Reply is provided in the following format:

Amendments to the Specification being on page 2;

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5; and

Remarks begin on page 10.